ST. PAUL'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

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events & announcements

Munster, Indiana
2026
week of

September 27

Upcoming Dates:

Sept. 28 Auction Committee Meeting
Sept. 30 Jr High Youth @ Gratefully Painted
October 2-4 TL/AHG Campout
October 4 & 5 LWML Mite Collection
October 5 & 6 Cook's Night Out (Aurelio's)
October 9 End of 1st Quarter
October 11 & 12 LWML Mike Collections

Mission of the Month

The Lutheran Church—
Missouri Synod's Disaster Response

Thoughts on Stewardship:

Stewardship month is coming up in October, so I was thinking about how Stewardship is such a blessing both when you give your time and talents to others, as well as receiving the time and talents from others when needed. This came to me during the derecho that hit the Region in August. I was a receiver of my neighbor's generosity and available resources when they allowed us to plug into their whole house generator (playfully dubbed St. Generac of New Devon, Patron Saint of the Powerless) to power my refrigerators and sump pump, as well as sleeping in their basement for 7 nights, since I use a CPAP machine for sleep apnea. A bad situation was made much more tolerable due to their willingness to share their gifts. On the other side of the equation, I did a fair share of lugging of neighbor's branches to the curb, as well as loaning out what tools and equipment I had to others. Since I still work in Chicago for now, I also ran gasoline and Home Depot items from Chicago to my subdivision as needed. I only got a couple of takers, but I did get 8 thank yous and 33 likes on my Facebook post offering my services for being willing to do that! Being good stewards of God's gifts shows others that you love your neighbors, especially in time of need.

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September's Mission of the Month is The LCMS Disaster Response This ministry responds to immediate and long-term needs following natural and man-made disasters. This ministry came to St. Paul's to provide emergency relief by removing the many trees that were damaged on our property. We are grateful for their quick and extensive response. Please consider a donation to Lutheran Church Charities/ Disaster Relief using your September Mission Monthly envelope.

Karen Foote, church and school music director, has announced her upcoming retirement. Karen will retire during the summer of 2027, at the conclusion of the 2026-2027 school year. We give thanks to God for her years of service to St. Paul's and to other Lutheran schools, and we wish her and Henry the best as they prepare for this next chapter in their lives. The St. Paul's Board of Christian Education and Board of Deacons will work together to establish a committee to search for our next church and school music director, and we'll provide updates throughout the search process.

Veterans' Day Chapel Service- On Wednesday November 11, St. Paul's will be hosting a Veterans' Day Celebration during our afternoon chapel service at 2:30 p.m. We would like to personally invite veterans, especially ones close to our St. Paul's family. Please scan the QR code below to fill out the survey as soon as possible with names and contact information of veterans that you may know. Thanks!

How Can You Help Make This Year's Auction a Success? Our auction is coming up, and we need your help! We are looking for donations both large and small to help make this year's event a success. There are so many ways you can contribute! Consider donating (please remember all donated items must be new or in new condition):

- Frequent flyer miles for a flight or hotel stay
- A week at a timeshare or vacation property
- Tickets to a sporting event or concert
- Restaurant, shopping, or entertainment gift cards
- Board games, candles, or sports equipment
- Items for a themed gift basket

Need some basket inspiration? Theme ideas include:

- BBQ & Grilling
- Favorite Sports Teams
- Music Lovers
- At-Home Spa Day
- Children's Books
- Books for Adults
- Arts & Crafts
- Concert or Event Tickets

Get creative! If you think someone would enjoy bidding on it, we can probably use it! Donations may be dropped off at the Church Office, Monday-Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., by October 13. Thank you to everyone who has already donated baskets, we do not need any more. Questions? Please contact Mary Meyer at traveling.teacher@sbcglobal.net or 260-223-3019. Thank you for supporting our auction! We appreciate your generosity and hope to see everyone there!

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LWML is currently looking for donations of pint size ball jars. If you have any that you would like to donate, please drop off in the LWML bin in the fellowship area by November 2. We will be having our annual soup fundraiser in December! Thank you in advance for your donation.

Blessing of Baby Blankets for Swaddling Clothes Ministry will take place on November 22. If you are working on afgans for the little ones – get those needles and hooks going! If you need yarn to complete your project, please contact Karen Foote or Bobbi Reyes.

The Autumn Lights Decorating committee is still looking for members to join in planning and decorating for the auction & dinner on November 7. We are currently in need of 40 round wood discs, typically used for center pieces. Maybe you have left overs from a wedding or other event and would be willing to share? If so, drop them off at the Church office. If you are willing to volunteer your time to help decorate please call Amy (219-315-3220). Thanks!

October Cook's Night Off- Our next Cook's Night Off of the school year is coming up soon! Join us at Aurelio's Munster for a two-day event on October 5th and 6th from 11:00-9:00 on both days. Be sure to show the flyer to the cashier. Flyers are available in the school office and at the Welcome Center. See you there!

Trinity, Crown Point has invited all members to their upcoming seminar. "Preparing for Eternal Life: A Gift for your Family". The seminar is Saturday, October 10 9am-noon and is free, Please see the bulletin board near the church office for more details.

Autumn Lights Tickets will be available to purchase at the Welcome Center and on our website. Tickets are $60 (cash and check) or $62 if you pay with credit card. Dinner and auction will be held November 7, doors open at 5pm at Teibel's in Schererville. All proceeds to benefit St. Paul's Lutheran School.

LWML Fall Rally October 14 8:30am-noon at Redeemer Lutheran Church, Highland IN. The guest speaker is Tami Hajduk-CASA volunteer coordinator. All ladies are invited. Please sign-up at the Welcome Center by Tuesday, October 6th. More information about the rally is available on the bulletin board near the church office.

The Giving Tree has bloomed! This season we are highlighting the needs of our school, Swaddling Clothes, and other Ministries here at St. Paul's. Just like our Angel Tree at Christmas, if you see something you want to help with, just take the item off the tree, fulfill the request and bring it (along with the tag) to the church office. Thank you for your generosity.

Apples for the Students Program Update AFTS/Universal Promotions will be discontinuing its programs. As a result, the Apples for the Students program will not be available for the 2026-2027 school year. Thank you for your participation in the Apples for the Students program throughout the years.

Where is the joy? How can I reinvigorate the fundamentals of my faith? Consider joining the Sunday School team— be genuinely inspired by the joy and purity of faith of children, right where it takes root. Sunday School for Preschool through 4th grade, middle school and high school Bible studies, meet every Sunday morning during the Bible study hour starting at 9:15 am. You can be part of a team that shares prepared Gospel lessons with kids, bringing them closer to Christ, even without committing to every Sunday. If there are enough leaders, we like to share the load! Talk to Dajana Marks (dajanamarks@gmail.com) or Joce Boblink (jocelyn@saxonblueink.com) to sign up or get more information!

Part-Time Maintenance Position Available
We are currently seeking a reliable part-time maintenance worker to join our team. For more information or to express interest, please contact:

- Mike Bergin at (708) 362-7586 or retz1@comcast.net
- Karen Hott at (219) 836-6270 ext. 104 or khott@stplmunster.com

Prayer Window:

Kevin Baer, Catherine Burghardt, Pete Burkauskas
Bob Butler, Abby Cohs, Eric Clark, Liz Dahms,
Jim Drews, Goebel Family, Ray Hieber,
Charlene Hughes, Sue Karrson,
Ron & Karen Millies, Kim Mullen,
Cat Oneal, Denny Robbins, Ann Schmidt,
Diane Targatz, Gordon Teske, Judy Vajda,
Judith Walther, Matt Wittkamp,
and Marty Zimmer.

Please contact the church office with updates.

For the very latest information, please visit the website or call the church or school office (below).
Requests for additions to announcements can be made through the church office email.